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GANG MEMBER SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON

Marlow Campos, 20, and a member of the West Side Loma criminal street gang will serve 63 months in prison for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, U.S. Attorney Tom Moss announced on Monday.

Campos was arrested in Boise on January 16, 2007 after ATF Agents and Boise Police officers found him in possession of a .40 pistol. At the time of his arrest he was on escape status from Bonneville County after having been convicted of Delivery of Methamphetamine. Prior to his arrest in this case, Campos had been contacted during Operation Street Sweeper, a joint effort between ATF and local police departments to suppress violent criminal and gang activity in the Treasure Valley.

Campos pled guilty in Federal Court to Unlawful Possession of a Firearm on December 3, 2007. He was sentenced on Monday, April 21, 2008, by U.S. District Judge William Shubb at the Federal Courthouse in Boise. At his sentencing, he was ordered to serve 63 months of prison, which was ordered to commence on July 25, 2012, as Campos was already in custody at the Idaho State Correctional Institute. If Campos is paroled from his state sentence before that date, Judge Shubb ordered him to begin serving his 63 month federal prison sentence at that time. Because there is no federal facility in Idaho, Campos will serve his federal sentence outside of the state.

After serving 63 months in prison, Campos will serve three years on supervised release, during which he may have no contact with any documented gang member or any gang paraphernalia.

Campos' case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Boise City Police Department. He was prosecuted by the Special Assistant United States Attorney hired by the Treasure Valley Partners and the Idaho Attorney General's Office to combat gang related crime in Idaho. His prosecution was part of Idaho's Project Safe Neighborhoods Program and the United States Department of Justice Anti-Gang Initiative.